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The happy, wonderful experience of getting that first library card

Remember that day – maybe it was decades ago, maybe it was yesterday – when you came into your local library to get your very own card for the first time?

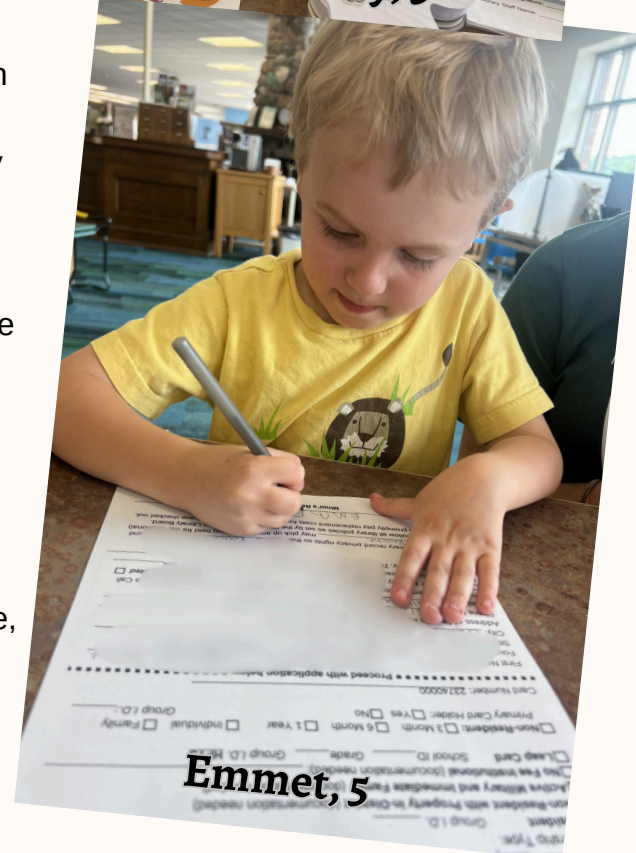
We were reminded of that giddy moment recently when two young patrons came in to Portage Lake District Library – unrelated – to get their cards. Mallory, 5, and Emmet (check out our Facebook page to see him in a video), who turned 5 shortly after his visit, could barely stand still, they were so excited.

They each chose their card's design from several options by local artist Chris Schmidt then they were ready to go! They had become somewhat autonomous consumers of books.

Emmet's first checkout was a picture book entitled, "This Book is Dangerous!" by Ben Clanton.

Our interactions with Mallory and Ben got us thinking. If any of you have a story about your first card or a positive general library experience, **will you share your story with us to include in a future newsletter or, with your permission, on social media?**

You can email your stories to pmccambridge@pldl.org



MelCat's many digital wonders

Besides the tens of thousands of materials housed within the walls of Portage Lake District Library and its wide network of Inter-library loan partners, there is a plethora of electronic materials accessible through the MelCat databases.

MelCat databases are a collection of online databases offered through the Michigan eLibrary (MeL). They are a key component of MeL, which aims to provide equitable access to information for all Michigan residents.

Available through a link on the library webpage or by going to **mel.org**, patrons will find databases featuring

- **e-books**
- **full-text articles from magazines, newspapers, and scholarly journals**
- **The NoveList databases provide book recommendations and related information to help readers find their next remarkable read for both adults and children**

But there is so much more than that. There are databases specific to K-5, teens, and adults.

Each section has multiple special interests, such as

- **PebbleGo (Grades Pre-K – 3)**
- **World Book Kids**

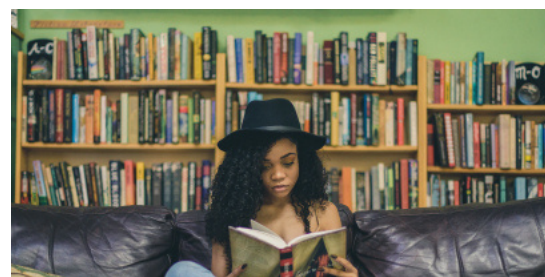
And for adults, topics such as

- **Health**
- **DIY**
- **World Language Content**
- **Family History**

Patrons can explore MelCat for themselves, but are always welcome to ask PLDL staff for help accessing these phenomenal MelCat resources.



ADULT



TEEN



K-5

Summer Reading Program ends Saturday, August 23

1-2:30 PM – Closing party where we'll all make
ice cream sundaes together!

Everyone is welcome!

FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER STORY TIME

CELEBRATING THE MONSTER'S

TRUE CREATOR

MARY SHELLEY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 10:30 AM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 1:30 PM



Upcoming story times



Cat Day August 6, 7

Honey Bee August 13, 14

Dog Day August 20, 21



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Library News

Library Stats – In June,

- We added 389 new items
- 78 new card holders
- 8,804 items checked out
- We borrowed 586 items from inter-library loans and lent 548 items.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE FRIENDS OF PLDL HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE AND INSTAGRAM WHERE THEY SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIBRARY, THE GROUP, AND FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES!



THEY HAVE REGULAR MEETINGS SCHEDULED :

- TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH AT 6:30PM
- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 6:30PM
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH AT 6:30PM
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH AT 6:30PM
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH AT 6:30PM



YOU CAN EMAIL FOLPLDL@GMAIL.COM &
ASK TO BE ADDED TO THE EMAIL LIST!

Print prices

As of August 1, print prices are one flat fee of 30 cents. That includes one- or two-sided; B&W or color; and all paper sizes

Portage Lake District Library

Take minutes at our board meetings!

**Application
Deadline
August 15**

Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month
7-8/8:30 pm at the Portage Lake District Library

10 months each
year

For more information or to
apply, email
sautio@pdl.org

The position pays \$60 for each meeting





Monday – Thursday | 10am – 8pm
Friday | 10am – 5pm
Saturday | 10am – 3pm

August

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

4 Chess Club
@ 4:00pm



5 Art with Linda
@ 3:00 pm
Travel Language
Workshop! Japanese
@ 5:00 pm

12 Boston pond Nature
Story Walk with
Kelsey @ 10:30 am

Silent Book Club: TEEN
EDITION
@ 4:00 pm

18 Chess Club
@ 4:00pm

19 Messtival
@ 3:00pm

25 Chess Club
@ 4:00pm

26 Poetry Reading
@ 4:00pm

6 Storytime
@ 10:30 am



7 Storytime
@ 1:30 pm
Money Talks for
Young Adults
@ 3:30 pm

13 Storytime
@ 10:30 am

14 Storytime
@ 1:30 pm
Money Talks for
Young Adults
@ 3:30 pm

20 Storytime
@ 10:30 am

21 Storytime
@ 1:30 pm

27 Storytime
@ 10:30 am

PLDL Board of Trustees
@ 7:00 pm

28 Storytime
@ 1:30 pm

9 Legal Help: Drop-in
Hours @12:00 pm

16 Craft Circle
@11:00 am



23 Summer Reading
Program Closing
Party @1:00 pm

COLOR our WORLD

MESSTIVAL
TUESDAY
AUGUST 19
3PM

SUPER DUUPER MESSY CRAFTS

Three local authors will read selections from
their recent work.



MICAH CAVALERI

MARK LOUNIBOS

LAURA SMYTH

Poetry
Reading

Free & open to all

August 26 AT 4PM



Summer-themed story walk
with Kelsey

Tuesday, August 12
AT 10:30 AM



Location: Boston Pond

Summer Pond Reading
Join us for a story walk
around the pond. We'll
read books about nature
and the pond. Bring a
blanket and a picnic.
We'll be there from 10:30
am to 12:00 pm.

